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SUBJECT: ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE -- SUMMARY RECORD OF 20TH
SESSION

REF: COMMITTEE ROOM DOCUMENT NO. 24, MAY 18, 1974

1. UNLESS IT PERCEIVES OBJECTIONS, MISSION IS REQUESTED
TO PASS FOLLOWING COMMENTS ON REF DOCUMENT TO SECRETARIAT.
NOTE JUNE 15 DEADLINE. IF IT CANNOT BE MET, SUGGEST YOU
ADVISE SECRETARIAT THAT COMMENTS ARE ON THE WAY.

PARA 13(II) - IT IS OUR RECOLLECTION THAT WHILE THERE WAS
SOME SUPPORT IN THE COMMITTEE FOR THE IDEA OF A SEMINAR
DURING 1977, THERE WAS ALSO CONSIDERABLE SCEPTICISM. AT
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THE CONCLUSION OF THE DISCUSSION, WE RECALL THE DIRECTOR
SAYING THAT THERE DID NOT APPEAR TO BE A CONSENSUS AND
THE SECRETARIAT WOULD TAKE ANOTHER LOOK AT THE IDEA.
(THE IMPLICATION OF THIS, TO THE U.S. DELEGATION AT LEAST,
WAS THAT THERE WOULD BE A PAPER CIRCULATED DISCUSSING
THE IDEA OF A SEMINAR IN MORE DETAIL BEFORE IT WAS
ACTUALLY ORGANIZED.)

PARA 13(III) - ONE OR TWO DELEGATIONS (JAPAN IN PARTICULAR) SUPPORTED THE DIRECTOR'S SUGGESTION AND "URGED" THAT THE CHEMICALS GROUP EXPLORE THE ISSUE OF "NON-ESSENTIAL" USE. IT IS VERY MUCH OVERSTATED TO SAY THAT "THE COMMITTEE AGREED...AND URGED..."

PARA 14 - WE SUGGEST DELETING THE SECOND SENTENCE (STARTING "THE RECOMMENDATIONS..."). IT CARRIES THE ERRONEOUS IMPLICATION THAT ENVIRONMENTAL RECOMMENDATIONS ARE INHERENTLY "WEAKER" THAN "ENERGY POLICY" RECOMMENDATIONS. ADDITIONALLY, THE COMMITTEE DOES NOT IN ANY CASE WISH TO COMPETE WITH OTHER BODIES IN MAKING "ENERGY POLICY" RECOMMENDATIONS (WHERE THEY CAN BE SEPARATED FROM ENVIRONMENTAL ONES).

PARA 16 - IT WOULD BE MORE ACCURATE TO SAY "EN ROUTE TO ITS SUBMISSION" RATHER THAN "PRIOR TO ITS SUBMISSION" (THIRD LINE). THE COMMITTEE CLEARLY AGREED THAT EVEN IN THE EVENT OF A NEGATIVE RECEPTION BY THE ENERGY POLICY COMMITTEE, THE RECOMMENDATION SHOULD GO FORWARD TO THE COUNCIL.

PARA 19 - WE BELIEVE A SENTENCE OR TWO CONTAINING THE HIGHLIGHTS OR MAIN THRUST OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL'S PRESENTATION WOULD BE VERY USEFUL HERE, EVEN RECOGNIZING THAT A SUMMARY OF HIS REMARKS WILL APPEAR ELSEWHERE. SPECIFICALLY, WE SUGGEST MAKING REFERENCE TO HIS STATEMENT THAT ENVIRONMENTAL CONCERNS REMAIN IMPORTANT, URGING THAT UNCLASSIFIED

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ALL ACTIVITIES BE COORDINATED HORIZONTALLY WITHIN THE OECD, AND THAT PARTICULARLY CONSIDERATION OF ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT ISSUES BE INTEGRATED EARLY ON, WITH STRONG CROSS-FERTILIZATION BETWEEN THE AREAS.

PARA 21 - THERE SHOULD BE SOME SIMPLER MANNER TO SUMMARIZE THE CONCLUSIONS CONCERNING THE 1978 PROGRAM. WHAT IS CONTAINED HERE IS OF LITTLE VALUE UNLESS ONE DIGS OUT ENV(74) 14 AND MAKES A POINT-BY-POINT COMPARISON. A GENERAL SUMMARY OF THE HIGHLIGHTS WOULD SEEM MORE APPROPRIATE FOR THIS SUMMARY RECORD OF THE MEETING, WITH PERHAPS THIS DETAILED RUNDOWN BEING CIRCULATED AS A SEPARATE DOCUMENT.

PARA 37(D), (E) - WHILE WE DO NOT IN PRINCIPLE HAVE ANY PROBLEMS WITH THESE TWO POINTS, WHERE DID THEY COME FROM? THEY WERE NOT INCLUDED IN THE FINAL LIST OF SECTION VI OF ENV(77)13, FIRST REVISION, NOR C(77)100.

PARA 38 - WE DO NOT REMEMBER THE COMMITTEE BEING
ASKED, OR AGREEING TO COMMENT ON THE FIVE POINTS. CHRISTOPHER

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